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RE: Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) FY 04/05-08/09 FTIP Amendment 3

Dear Mr. Chittenden:

We have completed our review of Amendment Number 3 of the Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) FY 04/05-08/09 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for inclusion into California's current Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This amendment was adopted by KCOG on January 20, 2005.

We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 as revised by the Metropolitan Planning Rule issued October 28, 1993, and effective November 29, 1993.

We find that this TIP Amendment is based on a continuing, comprehensive, coordinated transportation process in accordance with the provisions of 23 USC 134 and Section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC app 1607). The project of this TIP Amendment is categorically exempt from a regional air quality analysis and does not affect KCOG's existing air quality conformity determination.

This letter also constitutes approval of the amended KCOG TIP for inclusion in California's 2004/2005 to 2008/2009 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), with the understanding that FTA funding approval on individual projects is subject to the grantees meeting the necessary administrative requirements. Our approval is based on Caltrans' assurance that the funding for this amendment is within the Financial Plan for the 2004-2005 FSTIP.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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